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Statement of Policy and Purpose

It shall be the policy of the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services (DMHMRS) to establish a committee to advise the Commissioner and departmental staff of training needs and procedures. The committee shall provide a continuous quality assessment of the components of the training program.

Procedure

A. Members of the Committee

- 1. The Department's training coordinator shall serve as chairman of the training advisory committee.
- 2. Members of the training advisory committee shall be staff representing the Divisions of the Department.

B. Duties of the Committee

- 1. Conduct an annual needs assessment with department heads, to be utilized in designing in-house specialized training programs and in the development of an annual training plan. The annual needs assessment shall include:
 - a. Reviewing training evaluations; and
 - b. Recommendations and requirements for granting Continuing Education Units (CEU's).
- 2. Coordinate and develop an annual training plan.
- 3. Review progress and address issues or concerns.
- 4. Coordinate and provide information to Division web liaisons to post training opportunities.

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5. Coordinate a system for tracking Departmental staff training.

C. Annual Training Plan

- 1. Departmental contracted training shall be included in the plan.
- 2. Departmental staff training shall be identified and included in the plan.
- 3. Orientation for new employees shall be reviewed and revised as necessary.
- 4. Mandatory staff training requirements shall be identified.
- 5. Conferences requiring sponsorship or involvement of departmental staff shall be identified.
- 6. Each of the training areas identified should contain the following information:
 - a. Title of training;
 - b. Descriptive overview;
 - c. Instructor (s);
 - d. Frequency of training;
 - e. Length of training;
 - f. Hours and CEU's granted;
 - g. Target audience;
 - h. Location;
 - i. Dates and times;
 - j. Fees; and
 - k. Reimbursement procedures.

D. Meetings

- 1. The training advisory committee shall meet at least quarterly.
- 2. An agenda shall be prepared in advance and minutes prepared following the meeting.

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- 3. Members shall meet within their Divisions to determine training needs, procedures, progress and concerns. Members should be prepared to bring this information to the meeting of the training advisory committee.
- 4. Committee members unable to attend meetings shall designate a delegate to ensure representation at the meeting(s).
- E. This policy shall be reviewed annually and revised as necessary.

Commissioner	Date